



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hans-Juergen
Kuhr, *et al.*

Group No.: 3731

Serial No.: 09/389,428

Examiner: Ngo, L

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For: LANCET DISPENSER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 20, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

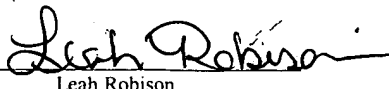
Kindly cancel claims 33-42 without prejudice. Applicants may wish to file a divisional application on this subject matter in the future.

Remarks

Claims 33-42 have been cancelled by Applicants without prejudice. In the Office Action, a restriction requirement was made pursuant to 35 USC §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of six claim groupings set forth by the Examiner. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 22-32, for examination.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, Dec. 15, 2000 via first class mail addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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